

A SLOW RECOVERY.

BUILDING OPERATIONS JUST RECUPERATING FROM THE DEPRESSION.

IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME FOR WORK TO GET INTO FULL SWING AGAIN—A BRIGHT OUTLOOK, HOWEVER.

One of the bad effects of the late financial panic was its influence on building operations, which in the last six months have materially fallen off. Of late there has been a decided improvement, but builders say it is nothing to be proud of. In this city, where building is such an important department of real estate, the activity was enormously curtailed in the summer, and from all over the country there come reports of depression. The building operations this fall have been almost one-half what they were in the fall of 1892. For the week ending October 27 this year the number of plans filed for new buildings were thirty-four, in 1892, for the same week, they were fifty-one. There has been an increase since then, however, and in the last week there were forty-fourty planned buildings, while in the same week in 1892 there were fifty-six. For the last seven weeks plans have been filed for 244 buildings, an estimated cost of \$2,543,250, and in the same time last year plans were filed for 324 new buildings at an estimated cost of \$4,769,465. In Brooklyn the loss is even greater. For the last seven weeks plans were filed for 24 new buildings, an estimated cost of \$84,250, while in the same time last year 256 buildings at an estimated cost of \$2,430,85.

This has been an exceptional year, but there is no reason why the coming season should see such depression in building operations. As yet, however, there is little to promise. The market is a long way off, but builders are looking on the bright side, and they hope for an increase in work before many months. The situation already has improved, but it is like all other departments of real estate, its improvement is gradual.

R. W. Gibson is preparing plans for alterations to the building now occupied by the Coffee Exchange, at No. 36 Broadway. The board room is to be remodeled and the entire building fitted for modern office purposes.

Charles E. Cook will build five four-story dwellings on plots on the north side of Eighty-seventh-st., about 120 feet west of Central Park. The cost will be \$150,000.

John H. Burne has plans for five four-story and basement brownstone-front houses for Frederick Aldous, Seventy-fifth-st., about 100 feet east of Amsterdam-ave. They will cost \$150,000.

Fay & Scammon have plans for Nos. 92 and 94 Seven-eighths-st., two-story and basement tenement houses. The estimated cost is \$100,000.

The eight-story fire-proof hotel on the northwest corner of Madison and Sixty-sixth-st., which is to be completed next month, will be named the Hotel Marie Antoinette. It will be ready for occupancy about February 1.

It is given out on good authority that the ground floor will be occupied by the 1st Regiment Armory building in Broadway, between Forty-second and Forty-fifth sts., is to be a hotel building erected on the site.

The real estate auction market promises to be active this winter. The sales announced for today and to-morrow are as follows:

TODAY.—Perry's, No. 18, corner of Waverley Place, three-story brick building, 22x30. Partition sale by Richard V. Hartnett & Co.

Greenhouse, No. 58, nearly opposite Charles-Street, two-story double brick building, with sto., lot 263x72x24. Partition sale by Richard V. Hartnett & Co.

Brickington-st., No. 97, in connection with No. 127 Loudon-st., corner lot, five-story brick tenement with stores on Livingston-st., and five-story brick tenement with stores, on Loudon-st., 25x100. Foreclosure sale by D. P. Ingraham & Co.

Ninety-eighth-st., No. 369, near Amsterdam-ave., three-story stone-front dwelling, 14x100x111. For closure sale by R. V. Hartnett & Co.

East Union-st., No. 1730, near East One-hundred-and-fourteenth-st., five-story brick building, lot 25x117x75. For closure sale by R. V. Hartnett & Co.

H. N. Hox, 227 to 233, in conjunction with No. 201 East Nineteenth-st., one-story brick and frame buildings, with all right, title and interest to buildings, including one-half interest in corner East Nineteenth-st., to East River \$125,000, leased to May 1, 1891. Foreclosure sale by R. V. Hartnett & Co.

East One-hundred-and-second-st., No. 111, near Park-ave., five-story brick lot, lot 28x100x11. Foreclosure sale by P. F. Meyer.

TO-MORROW.—East Tenth-st., No. 212, near Second-ave., three-story brick building and one-story

brick extension, lot 25x82x4. Executor's sale by Smyth & Ryan.

East Thirty-ninth-st., Nos. 400 to 410, near First-ave., sixteen brick mansions, plot 73x85x8. Foreclosure sale by James L. Wells.

West One-hundred-and-sixth-st., corner Manhattan-ave., two-story brick show-room flat and store, lot 25x100x11. Foreclosure sale by J. S. McQuillan.

West One-hundred-and-second-st., near the Bowery two-story brick flats, land 50x100x11. Foreclosure sale by Smyth & Ryan.

AFFAIRS IN BROOKLYN.

A DANGEROUS MAN AT LARGE.—ADMISSION TO ST. CATHERINE'S HOSPITAL HAS BEEN REFUSED TO HIM, AND HE IS SUBJECT TO FITS OF INSANITY.

Andrew Richardson, who is said to be deranged, disappeared from his home, No. 480 Bedford-ave., yesterday morning, and was still at large at a late hour last night. The missing man is fifty-six years old, and six feet tall. He is described by Dr. Schaus, who attended him, as a dangerous man to be at large, and one who would not hesitate to commit a murder while suffering from one of his attacks of insanity. The house in which Richardson lived is conducted as a boarding-house by his wife. Richardson's actions at times caused much alarm among the boarders, and since Friday night they have been kept in constant fear, as the maniac would run about the house, armed with a club and spitting at them. He was finally persuaded to go to his room, and Dr. Hull called in. When the physician went to the room Richardson refused to admit him, and threatened to kill him. Dr. Hull hastily left the house. All Friday night and Saturday Richardson raved about the house, and called in, to Police Headquarters for an ambulance, to have him removed to St. Catherine's Hospital. When the physician arrived Richardson became quiet, and declared that there was nothing the matter with him.

"They are anxious to get rid of me," said he, "but I may as well go with you if you want to take me."

The surgeon at first refused to remove the patient until Dr. Schaus guaranteed that he must. He then reached the hospital, the house-surgeon refused to receive him, declaring that there was nothing the matter with him. Richardson was then taken back to the house, and took his home.

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